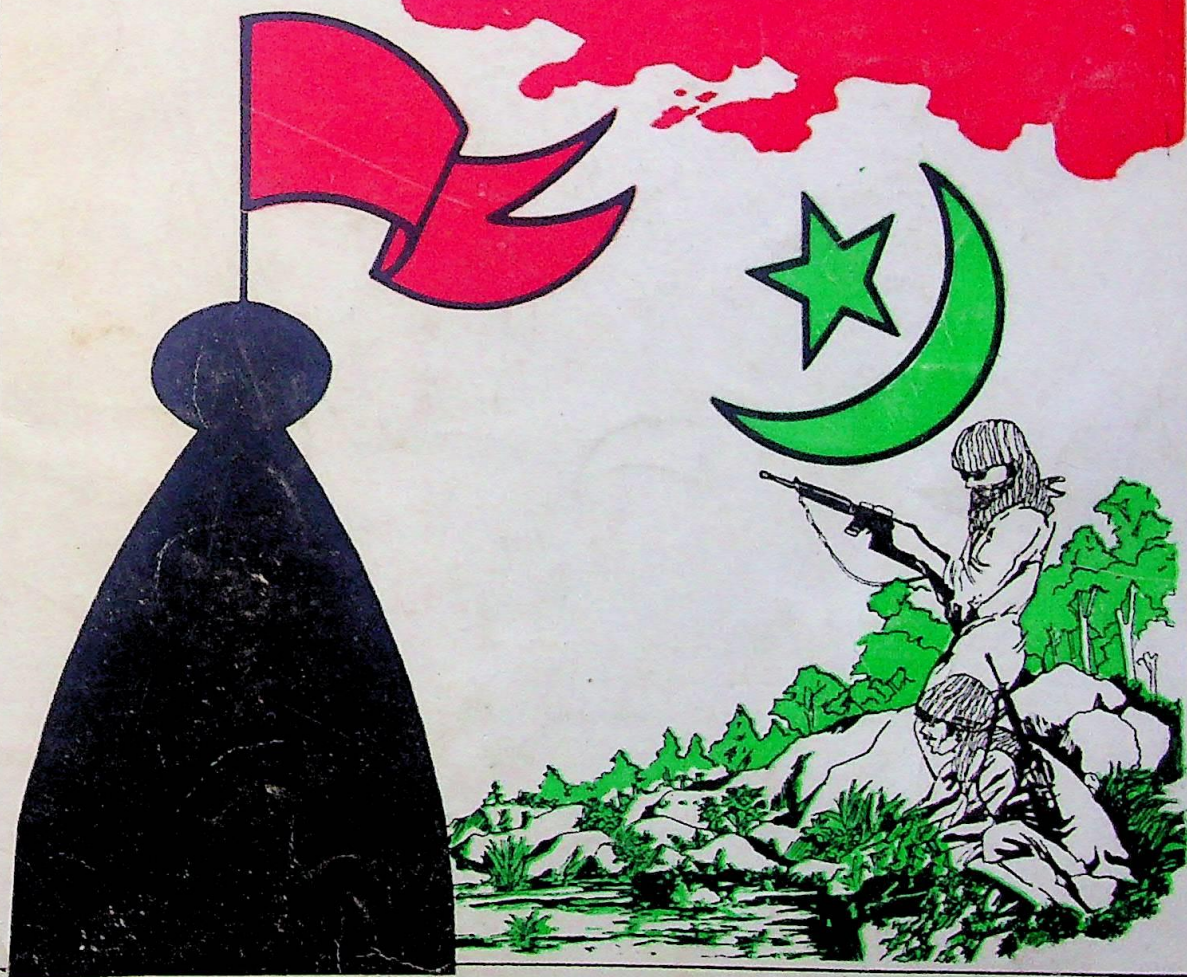


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The Martyrdom of these patriots is a great source of inspiration to us and to the generations to come. Their sacrifices are beacon light for the onward march of our nation".

We salute them.

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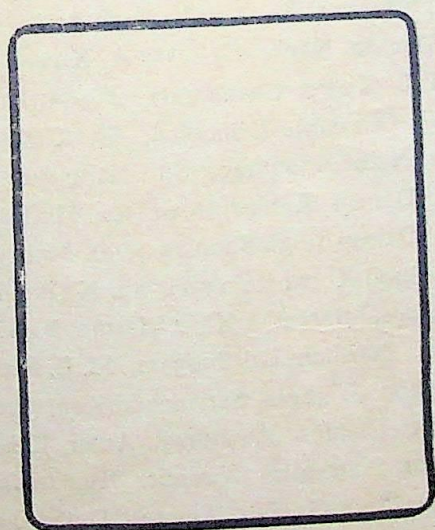
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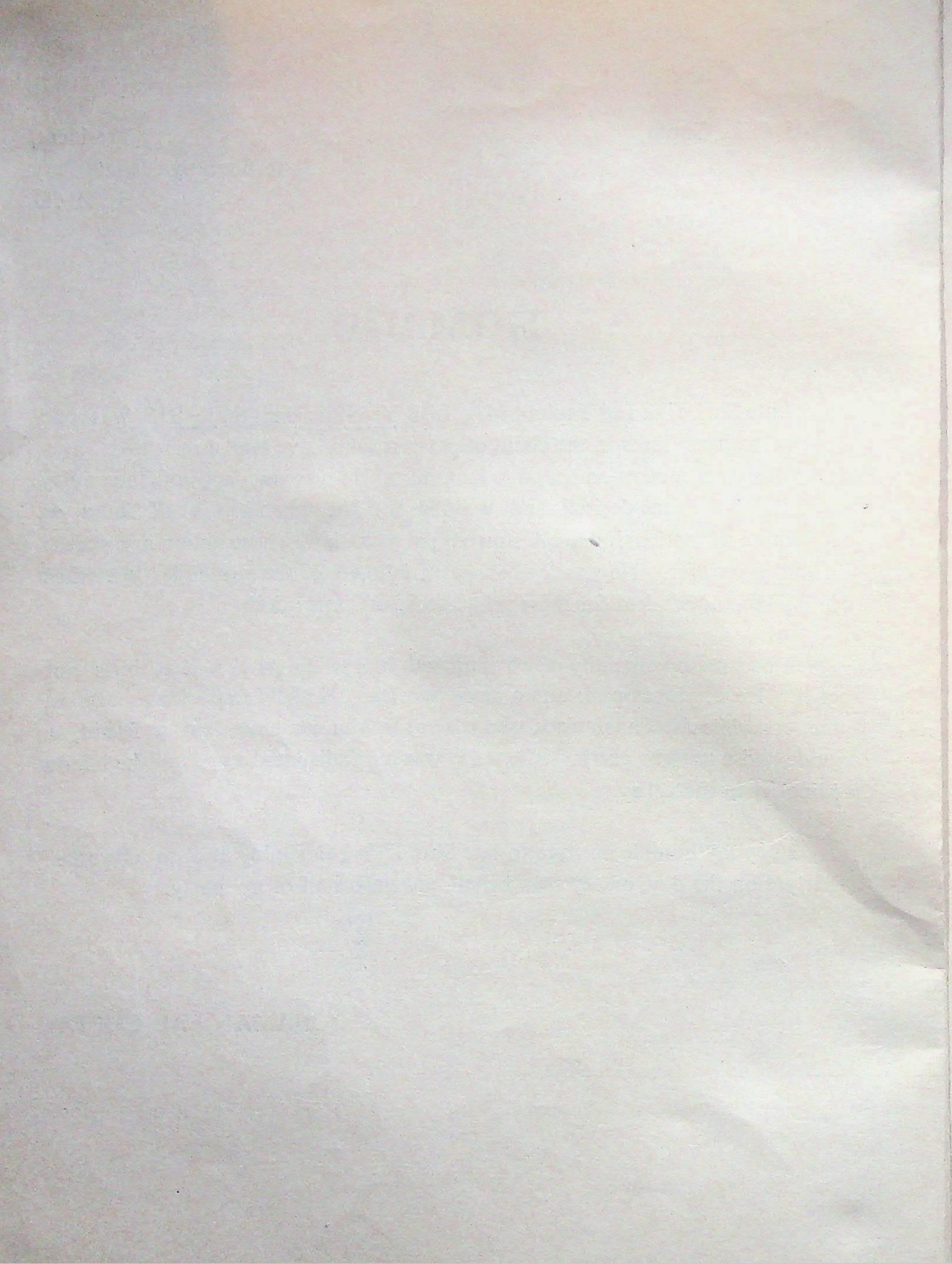
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Late Shri Tika Lal Taploo, MA, LLB Vice-President State BJP was one of the strongest links in the chain of patriots who have laid down their lives at the altar of motherland to save Kashmir. He was the son of the valley who in his life time desired and worked for the retention of Kashmir as Shromani of mother India. A staunch party worker, whose action and speech would not differ. He was the consistent follower of the principles cherished in his life and worked for these till he achieved martyrdom.

I had the opportunity of working with him in the party and at times out of it. He was an inspirer and a disciplinarian. He held important posts in the erstwhile Jan Sangh in Kashmir also, In him we have lost a friend, a guide and a zealous party worker. He was an undisputed leader of the Hindu Minority in the valley.

I pay my humble homage to late Shri Tika Lal Taploo and to all other martyrs on the day, on my own behalf and on behalf of my party.

(CHAMAN LAL GUPTA)



BHAGWAT SWAROOP
General Secretary
STATE B.J.P. JAMMU.

Dated : 9-9-92

MESSAGE

We were watching seriously the developments in the valley since 1986 and informing both the State and Central Govts about it when dozen of temples of the Hindus were attacked and burnt. A team of State BJP members and central leadership of BJP toured the valley and noticed attitude of pro-pak groups and stance of State Govt administration innimical towards India.

Since then the situation deteriorated day by day and the net out-come was of nearly 3 lacs Hindus/Sikhs/National Muslims leaving their homes and hearths for safety of their lives and honour.

Shri Tika Lal Taploo, Advocate, BJP Vice-President who was the staunch nationalist Hindu leader was assassinated in cold blood by Anti-Indian Elements only because he was brave and roared like a lion saying "BHARAT MATA-KI-JAI".

I hail the attempt of the Kashmir Migrant cell to observe his death anniversary and Martyrs' day to inspire the patriotic fervor amongst our country-men.

I was personally very close to Shri Late Tika Lal Taploo and consider his martyrdom day as a inspiring event for our own fellows.

(BHAGWAT SWAROOP)

From Co-ordinator's pen

The humble ramblings on our part in the form of our expression depicting the sorrowful and painful story of the community to which the man to whom this collection is being dedicated is no other person than our beloved leader and friend Shri Tika Lal Taploo, whose 3rd death anniversary we are celebrating today. He was a common man, a household name in the valley, with un-common traits. Apparently simple and immaculate in dress, speech and habits possessed a complex personality. A man dedicated to a cause from childhood to the end unmoved by the threats and intimidations allurements or allegations. A lawyer by profession yet more emotional and sensitive and less legal and argumentative. He loved the people with whom he moved and lived without any bent on communal or religious score, popularly known as "LALA" among his friends and colleagues, the formal devotee of a cause was informal in his ways. To him every body whom he came in contact was his brother or sister and this was reciprocated time and again by the people of all ranks and faiths both in his life time and also at the time of his Martyrdom, the day when a tearful farewell by the people in the valley by men and women at large and outside valley represented by personalities like Shri L. K. Advani and Shri Kidar Nath Sahani, the eminent personalities from the bench and the bar, befitting the departure of a martyr. No meeting, gathering or 'VARG' would be complete without his presence. His presence would render colour and completeness to such gatherings. Following the family tradition of "Taploos" whose mention we find in 'SANT-MALA' of Kashmir, he like a true sanyasi was moved by the cry of the afflicted and the downtrodden. Unlike his professional demands he would be found pleading the cause of an orphan, a student, a victimised lady, Tongawalla or a poor rickshaw Driver, least caring for consideration of any kind. The national cause was dear to him. He in the early stage saw the glimpse of true nationalism and the real image of Bharat in the Jan-Sangh mooted out by the late Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee in 1953 and continued to be in it till he achieved his martyrdom. Firm in his conviction, fearless in his approach, he was more a worker than a leader. He shared pains and pleasures equally with commoners. He was a political institution in his own right. A credit for the conception of political opposition in a democracy in the valley was more or less introduced by him. The party to which he belonged held him in great esteem and held posts in it befitting his stature.

He was an ardent pioneer of Hindus in the valley in general and Kashmiri pandits in particular. Frequent failures in elections would not deter him from following his programme. In fact every failure would exhort his action for the commoner. No person in the valley in the recent past has been consistent with minority cause and to problems than our beloved "Lala". Every man, woman or child stand testimony to it. To youth he was a leader and a guide. He did not lack inaction in this field. If we see around us a group of youngsters today who are steadfast and firm for a cause and care of the minority even in the present situation, the credit of formation goes to late "Taploo Jee" the leader and the guide. Why was "Lala" chosen among non government men as the first target at his own door step in the broad day light is anybody's guess. Even the enemy found him to be the silent and forceful spokesman of the minority cause and a symbol of Indian hood in the valley. They found his silence more eloquent and silenced him for ever on the 13th September, 1989. The People (Hindus) hastily realized the warning beguile and the writings on the wall. "Lala's" endless silence revealed the intentions of the armed anti-India elements in the valley towards the community whose voice was silenced for ever. Young and old, men and women of the community smelt the rot and individually and collectively thought what was best for them, in the absence of "Lala" - their survival and the self honour. The community members brook no chance to preserve it amidst death dance all around. It looks more a fiction than fact what befel the community at the hands of their own big brothers.

Lala could do very little in his life time to the community excepting keeping them in good humour, and positioned all along, with his life long struggle for their political and social entity. He would be in the vanguard of any political "DHARNA" or procession, 'Ram-Rath' or 'Krishana Sawari,' marriage party or the funeral procession. Lala's life starts after his death and the community un-precedented exodus to Jammu found homely atmosphere and consolation awaiting them fear stricken as they were. We owe this to the friendship and political relationship 'Lala' had developed through years from the days of Shri Prem Nath Dogra—The Sher-i-Duggar. The residence of late Dogra at present (BJP headquarters) became the nerve centre for struggle and survival of the community, the victim of political blindness and religious bigotry. Material / non-material succor continues from the same centre and community accepts with gratitude. Lala is now a part of our history of the community.

His memory will always be recollected with reverence by us and posterity for the part played by Shri Taploo.

We salute him as a patriot and all others who have achieved martyrdom along with him

We say VANDE MATRAM, JAI HIND, and BHARAT-MATA-KI-JAI the salutations so dear to the departed soul.

(T. N. MATTOO)

Address delivered on the occassion of Martyrs Day (13th Sep., 1992)

HONOURABLE GUESTS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

The formation of the Kashmir Migrant cell at the centre BJP Headquarter, was necessiated by the unprecedented and un-expected exodus of Hindus from the Kashmir valley since 1990. This wholesale displacement of 40,000 Hindu families stirred the party and the party instead of remaining complacent and among the on lookers, as others, alerted itself all around to prepare itself to meet the challenge. The party appointed its senior-most member as its chief, Shri Kidar Nath Sahani, since then he functions as such. The cell which was formed in Jan 1991 continues to devote its time and energy in attending to the present and the future problems of the displaced community to its maximum of which all of us are aware and grateful too. Since the bulk of the displaced families are stationed in Jammu and in absence of BJP Unit of Kashmir, it was felt necessary and meaningful to have a such cell in Jammu.

The State BJP formed the cell in July 1991 under the caption "BJP Kashmir Migrant Cell" and since then the cell to the best of its ability and means has been serving the community's interest.

Here a word of caution is sounded in as much as the cell has to act within the parametres of the party frame work. However if the cell acts effectively its opinion can influence and help the party to take its decisions from time to time on National level. What is needed is the cooperation and unity of the displaced people at this critical juncture of our community in crisis. No body should expect from the cell random declaration to suit one group or the other. Till this day the Kashmir Migrant cell has tried and to great extent succeeded in getting highlighted tragedy, the fate of the Hindu Migrant community, victims of militancy in the valley, both Nationaly and Internationally, with the help of BJP. BJP stand on Kashmir is well known in length and breadth of the country as well as abroad and there are no ifs and buts as in case of other parties which in fact is the root cause of present turmoil and tragedy.

Our stand is that Kashmir is ours. It is our home and hope, and who would not like to be in his home?

The circumstances so conspired and are conspiring that an immediate return to the valley seems to be far off. It can be long enough and by that time the community can wither away unwept and unlamented. To avoid that ominous day to come for the community a work formula was outlined by the BJP Kashmir Migrant cell in their booklet issued on the eve of Ekta Yatra entitled "Call of the Mountains" and since then is in pursuit of fulfillment of these demands. The present issue of Martyrs' special number is in continuation of the chain of publication and directly or indirectly carries the cause of community-present and future expressing views from the people of different opinions and shades. BJP on its own has been pursuing the cause of the displaced in and outside parliament through different foras and without fare or favour, selflessly considering it to be a national cause and tragedy.

The immediate action plan which should draw the attention of all is as follows :

1. The rehabilitation on quasi-permanent is over due and needs to be hastened by providing two room sets per family to all who have migrated.
2. The property both moveable and immovable of the minority left behind in the state of fare and death should be safeguarded vigourously if return in the valley is the aim. Meanwhile, custodian of minority property appointed who will stand responsible for this work. Meanwhile the unfortunate damage caused by loot or arson should properly be assessed and compensated if the central agency would be entrusted with this duty that will be all the more better. The ownership of property including land must not undergo any change what so ever. It should remain as it was before January 1990.
3. There should be immediate check to the burning and looting of the properties which by now is on the increase.
4. The migrant youth educated and un-educated are severely hit being jobless and workless. A cursary collection of data of educated of un-employed in Jammu city alone is most revealing. It is M.A's, BSc's :-300, B.Ed's :- 350, BA's, BSc's :- 300, Technical (All Catagories) :- 550, PUC, TDCI, TDCII : 450, Type-Knowing (All catagories) :- 650, Matric :- 550. The necessary avenues for employment should be given to them and practice maintained for future also. The Hindu retirees should normaly be replaced by Hindu recurits & the persons get age barred for no fault of theirs should be given relaxation of age by atleast five years.

5. Such arrangements need to be contemplated which provide work to the govt. employees migrated from Kashmir. That will add to the national production and avoid wastage.
6. All Govt. servants should enjoy the benefit of pay, allowances, increments and promotion in a normal way. The migrancy is not of their choice. Their demand of work here stands.
7. The most affected class of migrants is the private business/employees—private sector most in the neglected and uncared for. Private business should be helped by way of interest free loan, subsidy, grants and other incentives to put them on rails again. The initial action is this connection to provide a suitable site as has been done in case of some states and Delhi. Opportunities need to be provided to private sector for employment. Idleness is killing their body and soul. Work is their cry.
8. There should be systematic schedule of studies and examinations for the student community even if it will require detachment from Kashmir university or establishment of its independent sub-office at Jammu and not hampered in its functions from Srinagar.
9. The demand for increase in relief from meagre amount of Rs. 1000/ per family to Rs. 2000/-per family has been long outstanding, keeping the prices in view. This is not tall claim. States managed by BJP in the country have already taken initiative by making it Rs. 1500/-per family. The mode and method of administration needs a sea-change in as much as the harassment and pressure on the migrants in paying is unmanageable and inhuman. It must be gentlemanly affair.

To get these demands fulfilled the peaceful and democratic steps have been adopted by the Kashmir Migrant cell in the form of representations, delegations, Press and platform. At times peaceful Dharna or a silent march has also been resorted but not to the desired effects. Now a stage has come to decide whether only peaceful means be adopted for the pursuit of our immediate requirement of life and living or agitative methods also be taken help from since the administration generally understands the language of agitation, Bandhs or damaging properties which community by nature abhors. The Migrant cell will not decide everything on its own but its functions lies in the coordination between the suffering community on the one hand and the responsible leadership of the party at the National level on the other.

To sum up it will be the endeavour of the Kashmir Migrant cell to persuade the state party unit as well as the centre to press upon the authorities to effectively crush insurgency in the valley and also in other parts of the state and provide environs congenial to the safe return of the migrants of the valley. It will follow vigorously the interim demands of the migrants but with their active consent and cooperation and follow even an agitational plan

when the time demands. The decision of it and the people affected endorse it for the fulfillment of these demands. The decision to return to valley whenever such occasions come will be assessed at the time. More statements, remarks, and Govt. press notes cannot feed the community. Meanwhile the Kashmir Migrant cell keeps its finger on the pulse rate of the change in the valley and will be in constant touch with the displaced.

Finally the Kashmir Migrant cell appeals to all the organisations of Hindu Migrants rendering service to the community in one form or the other to be united on the basic issues of the community. On it alone depends the survival, identity and the success of the community. That would be the real homage to the Martyrs' to whom we are paying homage today.

Jai Hind

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HOMAGE TO SHRI TIKA LAL TAPLOO AND OTHER MARTYRS

Sadistic Killings of Kashmiri Hindus

By Indresh Kumar

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I am grateful to BJP Migrant Cell which has provided me an opportunity to express my observations on the Anti-National activities going on in J&K state for past several years. Most of the people even in India are still unaware about the nature of genesis of the highlight murders and massacres, kidnappings and maiming of men and women- young and old about extortions and arson of Hindu property but why should such things take place in a secular-democratic country like India where constitution not only upholds equal rights, equal opportunities to its citizens but also provides special privileges to minority communities particularly Muslims. To answer that important question, one needs to go into the history of Kashmir because the expulsion that took place from 1989 in respect of Hindus was not the very first of its kind.

The seed of the present problem according to an eminent scholar Dr. Anil Raina, M.A., Ph.D. was sown in 1338 A.D. when Muslim adventurer named Shah Mir occupied the throne of Kashmir under the title of Sultan Shamasuddin. Kashmir has been witness to worst types of communal atrocities of Muslims over Hindus and within Muslims of Sunnis over Shias. Historians including Muslim chroniclers like Hassan and Fank record that the Hindus in Kashmir have suffered systematic brutality and savagery under the Muslim rule. Dr. Anil points to idol-breaking of Sikander the iconoclast, to rape and plunder and butchery under pathans recorded even by foreign investigators and researchers like Lawrence, Young Husband and even Canon Biscoe. Prem Nath Bazaz another historian, though very sympathetic towards Islam and Muslims agrees that Sikander desecrated and looted temples, broke image and demolished structures. The noted historian, Anand Koul Bamzai's findings that the present mosque called Pathar Masjid, Jama Masjid-where Late Moulvi Farooq offered Friday prayers and delivered his political speeches were Hindu temples or constructed with the material of Hindu temples including the mosque at Baha-ud-din Sahib at Hawal, Srinagar stands un-contradicted to this day.

Sir Walter Lawrence states Sikender who was a fanatic, offered death, conversion or exile to the Hindus. Srivara another historian, writes that at one time the Brahmins had to face so much persecution that "they gave up their caste and dress and exclaimed, "I am not a Batta (Hindu)"

Expulsions threw the grand father of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru out of Kashmir and the Kathjus the Kunjurus the Kouls and the like. Those who fled in the valley to escape the Muslim wrath occupied high positions outside the valley but have tried appreciably to maintain their roots in Kashmir valley which is really a paradise. Each and every Kashmiri Hindu family forcibly driven out of the land of its fore-fathers, is keen to go back to his land of birth because of sheer national interest and love for his ancestral land.

Whereas in olden times mass conversations took place. But this time no such thing happened due to the existence and activity of powerful Hindu force-the R. S. S. in Kashmir.

Hindus have been subjected to a constant psychological terrorism in the valley right from 1947. The Kashmiri Muslim is emotionally opposed to being an Indian because he views India as "Darul-Harab" land of Kaffirs. For India, the Kashmir problem is a typical example of a twentieth century secular democratic nation state getting trapped in the clash of two right but opposing principles-the principle of sovereignty and territorial integrity of a nation state versus the principle of the democratic right of people to decide their own future. No country in the world would allow itself to be dismembered and RSS would not let it happen in India at any cost. The sovereignty of a state implies that it has the legal right to employ force to stop its dismemberment. Creation of theocratic state in which minorities (Hindu) will be denied even the basic human rights is in itself negation of secularism.

Over one thousand Hindus have been killed in the valley, hundreds maimed, tortured, Extortions, arson and barbaric assaults have forced them to flee. Every murder is an event of Muslim terrorism, inventing new method of cruelest form of torture hitherto unknown to the world.

What is most shocking and surprising was the attitude of the central and state Govt. towards the ghastly events. There is no semblance of care to bring culprits to book. The evil could have been easily nipped in the bud when Shri Tika Lal Taploo (Advocate) state BJP vice President, RSS activist and renowned social worker was gunned down on September 13, 1989. It was easy to nab the three unmasked Muslim terrorists who hit him in broad-day light in most thickly populated area of Srinagar. His Muslim clerk who was talking to him when he was fired at must have identified the culprits but neither the centre

nor the state seemed to be interested. The event was made to serve as a moral boosting to the terrorists and convey to local Hindu the age-old Muslim diction "Accept Islam or persih". The unarmed unprotected frlorn Hindu preferred exile.

One is surprised to find Muslim terrorist and insurgents of Kashmir extending their activities to Jammu Province now with added vigor. What is happening in Doda, Poonch and Rajouri districts and even in Jammu city where there are several concentration pockets of Muslims is a shame. They are provoking peace-loving tolerant and non-obscurant Hindus to resort to violence. Protracted in-action of the Govt. is creating bad blood between Hindus and Muslims.

Muslim terrorists are ruthlessly destroying the national wealth in the form of Govt. and private property and even not sparing the forest wealth from loot. The country facing unprecedented economic crisis can hardly afford this. The killing and intimidating of Hindus has become a routine.

The local press is a witness to the fact how strongly BJP leaders have condemned ignoring of the happenings in the three trouble torn districts of Jammu from 1989 till date. The Govt. is creating conspicuous apathy towards helpless and unarmed Hindus in creating such conditions as would force them to choose between conversion to Islam or exile. The Hindus there want to know why Govt. which fails to ensure their security is not providing them arms for self-defence as was done in the case of N.C. workers in Kashmir in 1989 and border districts of Punjab.

The state is no longer victim of proxy war but open war from Pakistan when Pak nationals and Afghan gurrilas have reportedly infiltrated in the state and Govt. is not in position to issue a catagoric statement that borders in J&K can affectively be sealed.

It is high time BJP migrant cell has decided to apprise the countrymen about the dangers to the peace in the sub-continent as a result in of Pak indulgence and noncompoop like behaviour of the state and central leaders.

It is possible Hindus may take the defence of their life and property in their own hands if the state refuses to recover from its self-imposed paralysis.

I appreciate the leaders in the BJP migrant cell for selecting the 3rd. death annlver-sary of Shri Tika Lal Ji for issuance of magazine on terrorism and its various aspects. Tika Lal Ji will continue to guide the right thinking people of the state though not physically but through his spirit. The cell will do well to keep the abreast of the developing situations and warning the Govt. about its responsibilities.

Train Children for Wider World

By C. B. Kaul

The first and foremost concern of every known and unknown Kashmiri Pandit family forced to leave Kashmir, not fortuitously but under a well conceived 20-year plan, if we consider 1971 as the base year, should be rehabilitation of our children, their education and training.

Our community is mainly dependent upon the government, bank and private jobs. In the days to come this trend is like to continue, but one would wish that with the change of time and circumstances we too think of diversification and channalising our energies for promotions of callings other than what have been our main stay. Our foresight and sense of history, particularly our past history in the Valley of Kashmir, where our ancestors have been living for more than 5, 000 years if not more, helped us save our lives. We were saved by the sacrifices of our own near and dear ones — Tikka Tal Taploo, Lassa Kaul, Justice Ganjoo, Poet Premi and hundreds of our people. all our blood relations and secular friends from Muslim community—who suffered so that we live. They saved our honour and our children. We are indebted to them.

Now, while some of us have come out of the trauma and tensions we were afflicted with when we left the valley, our homes and hearths, many of our brothers and sisters continue to suffer, face problems which we have not been able to solve yet. And their sufferings, one must confess have been aggravated by apathy, cold shouldering, regional and communal bias of bureaucrats, nepotism, corruption, indcision and discriminatory policies of the state government and the Centre. Our disunity is also a big cause.

For a country of India's size and magnitude, rehabilitation of just two lakh Kashmiri Pandits should not have been a difficult problem. But, the Government apparently have other motives. They want the situation to be improved by Pakistan and ISI backed militants, rather than their own solid and firm actions. Also, for them there is a big question : Who will live in the valley if not the Kashmiri Pandits? So we have to be the sacrificial goats.

What will save us from becoming the sacrificial goats, which infirm and inefficient leadership of the country is hell bent to make us, is our high education and economic independence. As long as we hanker after the few government jobs, unscrupulous administrators and narrow minded and communal politicians would continue to exploit us like dancing monkeys by their clever masters.

It is not to say that we should not compete for jobs in spite of our high merit and eligibility. No, the argument is that while we continue to demand our rightful jobs from the State and the Central Governments, we should also explore the possibilities of undertaking other avocations, professions and trades which can make our financial position sound. These possibilities are to be explored by each one of us and all of us for each other.

However, at the present juncture our community is facing lot of problems, which need immediate attention of all of us. More than 50,000 families registered themselves with the Relief organisations in Jammu and another 5,000 families went to Delhi and other places. In Jammu, most of our relations live in torn tents, one room cellars, dingy houses, cow sheds, shops and garages where they pay Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 a month out of their meagre Rs 1,000 cash assistance and other incomes or savings if any. No government employees, out of 15, 000 who had to flee Kashmir, are entitled to either cash dole or free ration.

Hapless victims of secessionist militancy, fundamentalism and terrorism, migrants continue to suffer, face unprecedented crisis and challenge to their very existence. Our culture and ethos are at stake. We have to save ourselves from extinction.

The plight of migrants in Jammu, Udhampur, Kathua, Delhi and other places is miserable and the callous attitude of the administration has further accentuated their travails. The Govt. officials and Bank, Insurance and school board and Kashmir university authorities create hurdles for migrants at every step. No doubt vested interests in Jammu, Kashmir valley and Delhi have their ulterior motives and not want the Kashmiri Pandit community to live a respectable life. Surely, the 95 percent literate community does not deserve to live peacefully and earn a livelihood honourably. Why did not the members of the community join the "Jihad", indulge in anti-nation activities, killings of innocents, looting and arson?

The population of Kashmiri Pandit was more than two lakhs in 1947, when Shiekh Abduljah and Maharaja Hari Singh, the then ruler of Jammu and Kashmir, acceded the state with the Indian Union. Today also the number of this ethnic community, a minority in the valley, is the same, while the population of Muslims and others doubled in last 45 years. Most of the Kashmiri Pandits ran away from the suffocating atmosphere of Kashmir soon after

1948. Growing joblessness forced our brothers to leave Kashmir, where no one recognised our merit.

Today also, Kashmiri Pandits constitute one-fourth of the total literate population of Jammu and Kashmir, most of them are teachers having been helping Muslim families to read and write, but their share in the state jobs after 1960 continued to lean and has been reduced to less than 3 percent of the total 3 lakh government jobs in state. Still, the Janata Dal leader, Mr George Fernandes said that Kashmir Pandits have usurped 80 percent of state and Centre jobs. If Mr Fernandes statement was true the population of eligible adult Pandits should be over four lakhs. But lies have no feet and ignorance of Indian leaders about Kashmir situation is well known.

The fact is that after independence of India and accession of the state with Indian Union, the prospects of Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Kashmir became dim. All job opportunities, except in few areas like teaching profession, accounts department and planning, where Muslims were not available closed for them. Contracts of roads, buildings and bridges, transport, tourism, handlooms and export, trade and business were all usurped by Muslims, except a few exceptions. With the setting up of engineering college and medical college, in which muslims with 3rd divisions would be preferred to 1st class Hindu candidate, situation worsened further. Children of Kashmiri Pandits, who would invariably top the merit list were denied their due both in allotment of seats and employment.

Today, we are refugees in our own country. More than 700 of us have been killed and dozens kidnapped and butchered. We have left hundreds of crores worth property, houses, orchards, assets, business establishments, shrine, temples behind. Our lands yield grains and orchards fruit for others now. There is little help from the banks and financial institutions to rehabilitate the 8,000 Kashmiri Pandit traders with more than 2,000 crore assets in the valley. More than 25,000 houses of our community have been occupied and over 4,000 set ablaze by pro-Pakistan Kashmiri militants. The process continues.

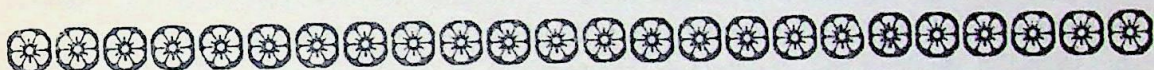
To add salt to the injury, the state government has filled up most of the vacancies (caused due to exodus) by muslims at the advice of militant leaders. Recently 13,00 posts were offered in Kashmir valley without any written test in gross violation of Central Select committee rules

Insurance companies and state Government continue to give deaf ear to demand for compensation by Kashmiri Pandits for their houses burned down, looted and ransacked by militants.

While unscrupulous people made hay with the connivance of local revenue officials, making fake ration cards and getting lakhs of rupees relief assistance, honest Kashmiri migrants were deprived of their genuine ration cards, cancelled on flimsy grounds by corrupt officials.

These are hundreds of cases of poor pensioners, GP fund account holders, promotion and EB cases, contractor, private educational institutions, permanent daily wagers, Dehati bank staff and government teachers awaiting settlement. While the Government continues to be apathetic and insensitive to our cause, our leaders too are doing nothing worthwhile to redress our problems.

Till our "Maaj Kashir" invites us back to her lap, we must unite. And unity is not possible as long as we behave selfishly. Our enemies have already soiled our image. We stand divided and therefore continue to suffer and defeated every where. We have to act boldly now and act we must, unitedly now. We have to live and return to our mother—Kashmir, one day.



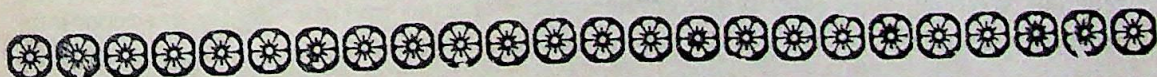
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Homeland of Kashmiri Pandits and their Survival

By : Gopi Kishan Muju

That a Kashmiri Pandit will survive the present onslaught and live in future also is a reality an admitted fact, but what is to be ensured is that the Kashmiri Pandit Community lives in Kashmir, the place of its origin and birth. If the Indian secularism, which is based on the thousands of years old Indian Culture and ethos and has evolved as a natural process in the assimilation and synthesis of various cultures into Indian life, is to survive, if Kashmir is to progress and prosper as an integral part of India, then the Kashmiri Pandit Community has to live in Kashmir and maintain its thousands of years old culture heritage and ethos; though a Kashmiri Pandit may build a number of houses outside the Valley for himself.

For this is to be ensured that :

1. Conditions are created for the return of the displaced people to their ancestral Motherland of Kashmir, the Valley of Kashyapa Rishi, amidst his fellow beings. There should be no compromise on the issue that the whole of Kashmir is the Homeland, the Motherland of a Kashmiri Pandit, as an integral part of the vast Motherland India.

2. The State and the Central Governments take necessary and effective steps to restore normalcy in Kashmir by crushing the gun culture and liquidating the anti-national fundamentalistic communal and terrorist forces from the land of Rishis, Munis, Sufis and Saints.

3. All necessary measures are taken to ensure the Kashmiri Pandit Community " An honourable, safe, secured rehabilitation and resettlement in their homeland (Mauj Kashmir) where there is full guarantee for maintaining our thousands of years old cultural heritage, religious freedom ethnic identity and development of healthy opportunities for our economic prosperity as citizens of the world's largest Democratic Republic committed to a Secular

Specialistic and Democratic constitutional set up, and without any sort of discrimination, deprivation, victimisation or economic strangulation on any pretext directly or indirectly, and where there are full opportunities for an equal participation in the socio-political activities of the land with full freedom and without any fear or favour for any. Such a rehabilitation, resettlement and return to our ancestral homeland must guarantee that the community will not be subjected to or exposed to any further onslaughts from any communal, anti-social and anti-national elements or vested interests and religious fundamentalists and that there is no attempt to make the Kashmiri Pandit Community compromise its thousands of years old cultural values, heritage and ethos any more for any political or any other interest in its own land of birth and origin in Secular India."

4. That the silent Muslim community in Kashmir plays its expected role effectively in all this process in normalising conditions in Kashmir and realises its responsibility in restoring the lost faith and trust. Majority Community must realise that the Minority Community is always a Sacred Trust with it, which has got to be protected and honoured for mutual existence, progress and prosperity, and this Trust cannot be betrayed or breached at any cost.

5. The Kashmiri Pandits, who have been the direct and the worst victims of the present turmoil and violations of the Human Rights in Kashmir and have suffered unabated discrimination in every field since the partition of the country, are given their legitimate and rightful place for an equal participation in any dialogue on Kashmir in each and every national or international forum, and their views are given due recognition and weightage.

6. The Hindus and other minorities in Kashmir are granted same Minority Rights and privileges to which other religious and ethnic minorities are entitled under the Constitution of India, and this must include legislative councils and other bodies etc, where such reservations can be ensured.

7. Those elements which are responsible for the present turmoil are exposed and punished under law.

8. The abettors, promoters and corroborators of terrorism and religious fundamentalism in Kashmir are punished for their crimes against humanity and the state.

9. The causes of terrorism are fully exposed, analysed and deciphered; genuine grievances and misgivings redressed and removed by taking necessary steps in this behalf, and measures be taken to ensure that there is no lapse in future which can give such elements a chance to exploit any situation or use it as an excuse in any way. Constant vigil is a must. Extreme caution is needed.

10. The disinformation campaign launched by our enemy and its agents be properly, effectively and forcefully countered; the whole world must know the reality of the enemy's design and its intention about our country. Enemy is to be fought effectively.

11. Till such time the Displaced Kashmiri Pandits can go back to Kashmir, their homeland ? They have got to be settled on some quasi-permanent/temporary basis outside the Valley at some suitable places (colonies) which are physically congenial, socially acceptable and economically viable for an educated, self-respecting and respectable community for a safe, secured and honourable living, and where necessary conditions are available for a healthy survival of the community without interfering, affecting, or disturbing the interests of the local population over there, though some inconveniences of a temporary nature cannot be avoided and have got to be tolerated.

12. The Community leadership and Intelligentsia too must work on their own for some suitable plan for a healthy survival of the community and set up Cooperative Housing Societies of its own and for this purpose pool all the community resources lying with various trusts, committees, sabha, organisations and even individuals, if any, and also the huge collections made in the name of the "Migrants" by various agencies.

13. For all this an effective, workable and practical Action Plan has got to be drawn. This demands a clear perception of the situation in Kashmir and adoption of a clear policy with right perspective from a national point of view and not let the issue get lost in political wranglings.

14. The Community too has to work and attempt to stand on its own legs. However, while functioning as such, the Community leadership intelligentsia has to ensure that the Community's individuality and integrity is well maintained and all have to keep a watch that the Community is not exploited by any individual or group or any political interest or in any manner. The community must seek help and cooperation from all without surrendering its individuality or identity.

15. However, if the Government fails to ensure such a rehabilitation, resettlement and return of our ancestral homeland to us within a specific period of time, which obviously cannot be of an unlimited extent, and the community leadership fails to rise to the occasion and fight as a single body for the cause of the community and its survival, then the community has a right to reassess the whole situation and work out some suitable, workable strategies of its own with the Indian masses and patriotic forces of the country and involve dedicated men of the community for the rehabilitation, resettlement of the Community and its return to Valley—its original homeland.

We cannot let the blood of our Martyrs, loved ones go waste; we have to build the difice of a Happy Valley in memory of our Martyrs as an integral and insperable part of our Secula r India and have to honour and guard the sacred ashes of our martyrs at any cost and by all means.

We have to ask for such a rehabilitation resettlement and return of our Kashmir to us for which we have sacrificed; work for it, fight for it and get it; let the Community perishes (We perish) though as individuals we (I) may live.



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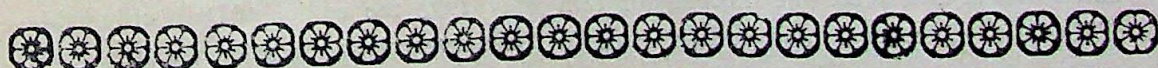
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Burning Problem of Migrant Students

By M. K. Bharat

It is common knowledge that situation in Kashmir is deteriorating day by day and central Govt. is encouraging secessionism in valley by its seat of omission and commission. Of course, Pakistani machinery is backing this terrorism by providing arms and ammunition as well as training to continue the proxy war against India. Also exfiltration in filtration has assumed alarming proportions as 5-thousand Afghan Mujahedeen are ready to violate the actual line of control from J&K border.

Morethan three years have passed and there is no clear cut farsighted policy either of state or central Govt. to mitigate the problems of migrant students, whose future is in peril. A university which does not maintain its calander, how can any student forecast his/her future? It is well conceived conspiracy of Kashmir university authorities, to frustrate the migrant students and to discontinue their studies by using the type of tactics-postponement of examination, delay in the declaration of results, non-availibility of marks sheets, degree certificates lacking of proper arrangements far fresh admissions in post graduate and professional courses.

By adopting dual policy the centre Govt. is dealing in an indifferent way with the Hindu migrant and Kashmiri muslim students.

Probably under article 370 Secular India has allowed freedom for mass copying in examination to Kashmiri muslim students as a matter of right. 98% result was declared for rhe class of 11 and 12th in 1991 in which more than 200 studedts had obtained positions. As per the achievements of muslim students their names should be recommended for the Guinness Book of world records?

The gun-weilding Kashmiri muslim students are receiving degrees of colleges and universities at their sweet will. Recently on 13th May 1992 the edition of Daily urdu paper of Kashmir- "Srinagar Times", "Aftab" "Alsaafa", have categorically mentioned on the front

pages that before sitting in the examination hall, question papers of 12th class were already in the hands of students some days before the examination. According to the urdu dailies of Kashmir the supervisors in the examination hall are also supporting the muslim students of valley in mass copying.

The migrant Hindu students are passing through acute mental tension and uncertainty of their future. The agitation launched by the ABVP unit of J&K made possible starting a sub office of the Kashmir University at Jammu for the migrant students but with no powers what so ever.

At present 6-camp Schools (10+2), 2 Camp Colleges and one camp Kashmir University is functioning in Jammu for migrant students. Due to lack of basic amenities the students reading in these institutions are facing innumerable problems. There is a negative approach from the state administration. The student has no proper place for studies because he has to live in one room with his parents. The 10+2 Students are reading under tents in scorching heat as well as rainy season. The under graduate, post-graduate students of Kashmir university are in utter frustration because there is no proper schedule of time for commencement of examination or declaration of results.

Recently in August 1992, not only the examination of B.A. part I, II, & III had been postponed for the 5th time but also those papers in which these students had already appeared had been cancelled by the Kashmir University authorities. It is clear that three years degree course will take six years to complete and instead of 2-years postgraduate programme it will be completed now in four years, the duration may be even much more.

There is great distress and frustration among the migrants research scholars of the Kashmir university since 1989-90 who have submitted their thesis or were in the process of doing so. They have highlighted their problem through press platform and other medias, including the concerned authorities but no body giving a proper heed. Thus the democratic and normal channels have been taken recourse by them and only method left for them to get their grievances redressed is the under hetic and abnormal.

It has become difficult for the students to get them registered for research in future. What a weoful state of affairs and what injustice with students community !

While the student from the valley which at present belong to one community Muslim have been able to seek admission in various disciplines outside the valley with the help of central Govt.

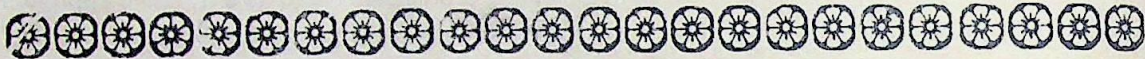
What is desired :

The sub office of the Kashmir University in Jammu should be vested with necessary

powers to help the migrant students right upto Ph D. Standard in the case of research student whose viva voce remains to be conducted at Jammu. The stipend or scholarship which stands sanctioned in favour of the research scholars should be made at Jammu. Admission in post graduate and M.Phil and Ph.D. Classes should be made in a normal way in Jammu.

All the examinations to be conducted regularly on due dates. Some permanent arrangements of class rooms to be made to make the teaching purposeful and save students of all ages from scorching heat and pouring rain under tent. Those in administration also have children!

The remote control by the Kashmir University over the Kashmir migrant student in Jammu cannot run smoothly so far as the university is more or less overwhelmed by the militant elements.



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Kashmir crisis and options

By : Pankaj Braroo

Kashmir crisis is not a problem confined to a region, caste, sex, minority, majority, economic, administration or anything like that, but it is a problem of India's integrity and identity. Those who view it in isolation are making a great blunder. Several attempts have been made by political thinkers in their books on Kashmir to identify the reasons behind the crisis and most of them view it as economic and administrative mismanagement and political corruption. These are only outer symptoms, the disease is something else.

Since the Arab oil money glut of 1970's the whole Islamic world has started to view itself as a principal power group and is trying to come on top of christian dominated world. For the last 3-4 centuries, the church has been ruling the world through various European nations from time to time. Before that the world including parts of Europe were dominated by muslims. There were lakhs of mosques spread in Europe. Spain had the distinction of having more than 52,000 mosques. In 18th, 19th and first half of the 20th century, Britain dominated the world and its church spread its wings for and wide India also was annexed from muslims rulers by Britishers. This was a great loss for muslim world. Half the world muslim population lives in greater India and its surroundings. In 1947 India emerged as a major democratic country with secular outlook. Although the country had a Hindu majority yet it has kept a balance between muslim and christian world. Hindus have never asserted themselves as a religious group, as they believe in humanism, universal brotherhood and unity of religion. For them religion has no relation with politics.

However the major religio-political groups are fighting a proxy war, without mincing words. After the fall of communist empire in U.S.S.R. and division of the union into muslim and christian republics, the muslim block has been further strengthened. India being a vast country with immense resources, manpower, technological power, can change this balance in favour of muslims. Akhand Bharat, has a muslim population of about 36 crore and by 2025, the population ratio between Hindus and Muslims will be evened. So the international plan is at work to break India piece by piece and change the world power equations.

Islamic India is the immediate goal of world Islamic council headquartered in London and Jamiat-I-Islami and both are financed by Saudi Arabia, Jamat-I-Islamia has penetrated in all the muslim countries and has been able to bring muslim intellegentia to its side. This power is instrument in bringing political change in these countries. The muslim fundamentalist power is increasing and the slogan of muslim brotherhood is gaining ground day by day. Their modus operandi is quite simple. They train their men in religious theolgy and make them good orators. These dedicated men take over clergy and motivate men and women in the name of religious, Jamiat-I-Islami spreads its venomous fangs in UP and Bihar in early fifties through Aligarh Muslim University. From there it entered Jammu and Kashmir in the shape of young clergy men (Mullahs) spreading message of muslim brctherhood and local help was provided by Kashmiri students. In 1967 the Jamat-I-Islami fought elections in J & K to gain political ascendancy. It cornered five seats only which included a seat from Doda district. From that time onwards it went on penetrating the power corridors through various means and is now in complete control of Jammu and Kashmir Administration. No doubt Flag of India is fluttering in Jammu and Kashmir but shariat law is already in vogue in valley, Doda district and Kargil district of J&K. Efforts are on to gain full control of Poonch and Rajouri districts. After that the three remaining districts of Jammu Division namely Jammu, Kathua and Udhampur will be brought under terrorist activity and the Ist battle for war of world supermacy thus concluded in their favour. Next round will fought in Assam, U.P., Bihar and West Bengal where preparations are already a foot. I.S.I. of Pakistan is deeply penetrated by these Islamic zealots and they have set up camps in Nepal, Srilanka and Bangladesh to supply arms and to train men in guerrilla warfare. Forty thousand Pakistanis visiting India on the pretext of meeting relatives are missing since last six years. Over 25-lakh Bihari Bangladeshi Nationals, mostly Islamic zealots, have registered as citizens in big cities of India. Govt. has made no efforts to trace them. But most of these men have spread a clandes time net work through out India. Presently only ground work is done all over India, till opportune time for striking the country, is available.

As such, the crisis in Kashmir is not local struggle of Islamic zealots but a grand design of controlling India and thereby, the whole world. It is important for Indian political parties to understand the implications of the changing world power equations. U.S.A. is trying to come closeto India and supporting India's point of view on Kashmir and Punjab for its own political ambitions. C.I.A is well informed about the struggle for world Islamic ascendancy and is therefore crushing Iraq and Libya to deter other Muslim countries against aiding muslim terrorist groups. Entire christian world is supporting the actions of U.S.A. as they want to protect their own domination. The just freed muslim nations of former U.S.S.R. are great threat to christain power, as they have nuclear technological know how. This technology is badly required by muslim world as immediate deterrent to western world.

Under such threat to integrity and identity of India from these two religious groups,

the political strategy should be to bring all nationalist forces together, to fight these secessionist forces. Kashmir should be a symbol of political integration for nationalist forces in the same way as Ayodha has become a symbol of India's cultural unity.

OPTIONS COMBAT CRISIS

Very few options are available to Govt. of India to deal with an extremely grave situation in Kashmir. However the situation should be dealt with a firm hand using multi pronged strategy at national level.

1. A five member high power advisory council should be formed to guide Prime-Minister and Home-Minister at national level. The members should be specialists drawn from Army, Police, foreign affairs, intelligence, political affairs. Apart from advising Prime Minister and Home Minister, the council should provide constant guidance to J&K State governor.

a/ Functions of Council :- The council should also guide the embassies in important nations about the ways of countering pak-propaganda. So far very little efforts have been put in by our foreign affairs ministry to place the facts before the world community. The abuse of human rights of minorities, by Pakistan aided terrorists, has not been highlighted. Very little literature and Audied visual material on the massacre of minorities by Muslim fundamentlists is available. Th's will abate the human rights abuse propaganda of separatists and Pakistans. Human right abuse is a very strong weapon in the enemy weaponry. When ever the Indian security forces increase their pressure on terrorists, a deliberate situation is created where by some civilians get killed. The band-wagan of so called human right activits raise their voices under a well organised orchestra and embrass the govt. Former governor of J&K had to resign on the same flimsy pretext. Even India's top ranking politicians including the then Prime-Minister Sh. V.P. Singh, Minister of Kashmir affairs, Sh. George Fernades Sh. Rajiv Gandhi, Sh. Chander Shekhar, both the communist parties joined the game plan of Pakistan and the winning commander of the battle was eased out. These steps are being used by enemy even now.

b/ The council should guide in bringing together various agencies of Home and Defence to co-ordinate their efforts in an integrated way. The intelligence agency needs to be strengthened.

c/ The council should devise ways and means to apprise the nation of real game plan of our enemies. The political will of nation to fight proxy war with Pakistan needs to be strengthened. The security forces need to be honoured and morale boasted in the same way as during usual wars. War memorials need to be raised in honour of martyrs and audio-visual coverage given to their martyrdom and heroism.

Simply saying, that Pakistan has started a low cost war or a proxy war against India

is not enough. Practical steps need to be taken, to show the whole world that Pakistan is fighting guerrilla war against India and Kashmir embroilment should not be presented as terrorist menace only.

2. (a) A joint field action command under the leadership of governor comprising Army, B.S.F, I.T.B and C.R.P.F forces should be formed. This will co-ordinate their efforts. The Army should be entrusted the lead role in command. The intelligence agencies also need need to integrate their work and penetrate the ranks of militants through their weak spots. Israeli help should be sought for it.

b) The State Govt. is a picture of in-action and indolence. Advisors of the governor have proved quite ineffective in controlling the administration. The beaurocracy is sitting complacent. This has resulted in law-lessness and also flow of developmental funds to militant camps. No one seems to be worried about it, as is evident by the statement of helplessness of Indian Home-Minister, Sh. S.B. Chavan. This has placed immense resources of India's toiling masses in hands of its enemy. So a very dynamic dedicated and honest team of administrators should be sent to J&K and given powers to stream line administration and bring accountability. The govt. should be ready, even to face wrath of militant supporters in the administration, and deal them with iron hand.

(c) The state police in valley is a picture of incompetence. The police -chief is kind enough to provide promotions to thousands of police-men for being in-effective and in-active. This policy of appeasement has proved harmful and as such should be abandoned. Efficiency should be rewarded and militant supporters weeded out. Local Police put on pressure for results.

(d) The Govt should show its political will and determination to enemy by using strong arm tactics. The stick and cake policy is sending wrong signals.

The displaced Indians from Kashmir should be of immediate concern to nationlist forces. Govt of India has completely neglected the displaced people. whatever little bit of Govt relief services are being rendered are being cornered by corrupt officials and the sufferers denied their right. This community is fast migrating in the face of govt. apathy. They are living in inhuman conditions without proper education, health, water facilities. All these need to be looked after so that in the event of normalcy, the community returns to their homes and birth land.

Alongwith the displaced community from Kashmir should be viewed as an asset of nation and treated with campassion and love.

STATE TERRORISM

By Sandepany

A terrorist is one who uses violence, especially murder, kidnappings and bombing, in order to achieve his or her political aims, or to force a Government to do what the terrorist aims at. Several thousand Kashmiri Muslims trained in guerilla warfare across the border for undertaking subversive activities in their own country are all terrorists. Pakistan is a terrorist state though no country in the world has officially declared it to be so hitherto. In a democracy the state is within its rights to crush any form of terrorism and the methods adopted do not exclude use of force, violence and even repression.

Instead of meeting the challenge of terrorism effectively, it has, unfortunately been observed that the state has, to some extent, behaved like a passive partner of Pak-abeted terrorism in the valley.

"Terrorism in Kashmir is the result of long neglect" said V.P. Singh after he assumed the charge of the Prime Minister of India. But whose neglect? Obviously at the negligence of his predecessor. Imagine the colossal disaster by Kashmiri terrorism to the nation, but there has been no demand for impeachment. Are politicians above law of the land? If they are the very law is faulty and nothing short of a hoax.

"If you have the right to send your men across the border for arms training how newspapers in the valley can be deprived of their right to publish the statements of the Mujahids"? This was the question which was put to Dr. Farooq Abdullah by Srinagar Times a prominent urdu daily of Kashmir in its issue dated 4-1-91. Imagine the Chief Minister sending his men across the border for arms training yet unpunished for treason! This can happen only when a state revolts against itself or a former Chief Minister works for a foreign power for subversion in his own country.

Absolving himself of the responsibility of crime and treason Farooq is on record to have said as under (Times of India dated 5-8-92).

"It is no secret our boys go across the border, even up to Afghanistan, get trained in handling bombs and weapons, then infiltrate back. We in India have a fine army. But despite this we have not been able to seal the border," said Dr. Abdullah. This was nothing but mud-slinging on the face of V.P. Singh the former defence minister of India. Thanks to Farooq for not only exposing V.P. Singh but also his treachery.

Disease comes when body is ready to receive it or too weak to resist it. In spite of Gen. Zia-ul-Haq's 'Operation Topoac' and massive funds from a host of Muslim countries for subversion and indoctrination of youth in Kashmir along fundamentalist line terrorism would not have taken its roots in Kashmir if the State and the Centre had wished otherwise. The tragedy of our times is that most politicians enter politics merely for power and money. The political process, by and large, simply means their personal political rehabilitation. They cultivate sycophants and supplicants who allow themselves to be used by power centres. Image creators and image promoters are lavishly financed to serve at appropriate occasions or to undertake and accomplish political tasks sometimes inimical to public and national interests. For them their self-interest is synonymous with the State interest and they have neither the ability nor any desire to look beyond their family interests and needs. The age old dictum of Ish Upanishad "Covet not the property of others" was given a good-bye in 1947 itself. Unfortunately sky is the limit of the personal and family needs of a politician today.

Sometimes aim of the State is to create an atmosphere of anarchy and violence, so that, out of frustration, the people absolve it for its direct and indirect misdeeds and Anti-people policies. When a State is transformed into an institution of crime it aims to eternally perpetuate itself. There are complaints that intelligence agencies are, sometimes loaded with jobs which are not really theirs. Instead of keeping an eye on illegal and continued infiltration into India they keep track of opposition leaders and critics of Government, intercepting their mail and taping their telephone calls. It is definitely not what these technical agencies should be doing nor should they be checking the credentials of candidates and weighing their chances of winning at the polls.

Terrorism, strictly speaking, is an act of intimidation of helpless unarmed innocent people. A State which fails to protect the lives, property and honour of its law-abiding loyal citizens is a tacit supporter of terrorism, if not a terrorist State frankly and openly.

A crime which is more heinous than a normal crime is termed terrorism. The inhuman conditions in which majority of displaced Kashmiri Hindus eke out their miserable existence both in camps and non camps and the treatment they get to have their day to day problems

solved in Jammu as students, employees, pensioners, erstwhile Orchardists, industrialists, unemployed and ailing patients are too shameful to be reflected in print. Corruption like water flows from top to bottom and there is hardly any accountability anywhere.

Blaming Pakistan all the time and not ourselves may be counter-productive in the long run. The KGB, the CIA, have plotted, counter-plotted, bribed, blackmailed and even murdered to reach their objectives. Communist Russia under Stalin had the most formidable espionage system in the world to fight not only rival nations but also Russian citizens who would not fall along his line. States fight not only with armies but also with the intricate mechanisms of intelligence, popularly known as spying. Was there a time in history when our neighbours were not spying against us? The question is why should we blame only the espionage of our neighbouring country whose very creation was the result of its hate for us? Why should we not bring to book all those who connived with the enemy of the nation, even though tacitly and those too who are harsh to the loyal, harmless, law-abiding and docile citizens only to appease the Anti-Indians. It is here that the real patriots experience State Terrorism.



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The Martyr-Laureat

By : R. K. Raina

The year 1967 marked the begining of a period of social and political discrimination which the Hindus of the valley have passed through and has now culminated into present day turmoil and their exile, It was not only the event of abduction in the year of a minor Hindu girl by her fellow employee, who was not handed over by the police authorities to her widowed mother on her repeated implorements and even on the requests of respected persons of the vicinity to which the girl belonged to, but the hidden fear of becoming a pray of the Muslim fundamentalist overtones had gradually surfaced in the state. Realising the gravity of the developments having taken place in the valley, the Hindus demonstrated against the callous attitude of the police and administrative authorities, not in rage or with disruptive plans but with programmes which did not ever during its course disturb the traffic on roads, educational, commercial or any other type of establishments nor was any kind of routine work disrupted.

The regular voluntary courting of arrest by five youths everyday for over a month, would be followed by a public gathering each day attended by remarkable numbers, at Sharika Bhawan, Sheetal Nath, a place of historical importance in Srinagar.

Among many prominent persons like Late Pt. Gopi Krishen Jee, Shri Prem Nath Gasi, Shri Amar Nath Ganjoo, the gathering would be addressed by a youngman some time clad in Kurta Pajama and at times in Pant and Shirt. From the audience whose vision would not be able to mark his arrival on the dias he could be recognized on his voicing the slogans 'Bharat Mata Ke Jai' 'Satyam Aiv Jayati' & 'Vande Matram'. Once, on my enquiring his name the other listeners sitting by my side, said, 'Tika Lal Taploo, a Lawyer by profession.'

Apart from condemning in strong words the brutalities perpetuated by police on demonstrators, Satyagrahees, he would stress upon the people not to be taken away by rumours of mischievous but the unity displaced by the community be added force/strenght of mutual trust and solidarity. His speech would be a sermons for the youth, trust for the

elderlies and hope for the women listeners. His excellence in speech attracted many young and old all alike, who all plunged into the field of action and contributed according to their capacity. The state authorities were desparate with the everyday heightening number of participants in the demonstrations. The police made random arrests of over two thousand people from office premises, shops, houses, educational institutions and the same number of people were injured and about a dozen killed in cane-charge, tear-gas bursting, firings, but did not succeed in taking into custody, the most wanted by them, Shri Tika Lal Jee who was always suddenly appearing in demonstrations and at stage in Sheetalnath. His sudden appearance would delight the listeners but worry the police officials. A deep sense of affection for him grew elders. men of his age got deeply impressed and their esteem increased, and youngsters of my age inspired by his fearlessness, developed unflinching faith in him.

Over a month long agitation culminated into a dialogue on the intervention of Union Home Minister then Shri Y.B. Chavan. Out of the several agreements arrived at the only one, of instituting a commission of Enquiry headed by Justice Kohli, was partially published. Justice Kohli's report on police excesses and other recommendations has yet to see the broad day light even after the lapse of about three decades. The report is still confined to the file of Home Ministry. The indifferent attitude of the Centre Government towards the Hindus-the nationalist element in the valley, gave impetus to the building of an atmosphere for honing the Hindus out of the valley, for which the fundamentalist bureaucrats were already at work.

Subsequently Shri Taploo who evaded his arrest for a long time was arrested in the court premises and his brother Shri R.L. Taploo placed under suspension.

Shri Tikalal jee could not remain a silent spectator or observer of these developments but increased his devotion to politics to raise time to time alarms for the Centre to protect the national interests and the people those loyal to the cause. Among others, joined by Principal T.N. Mattoo, Late Shri T.N.Dhar, Sh. Soom Nath Suri, Shri Taploo excelled his activities under the banner of Bharti Jan Sangh. The party which had made its debut by contesting 1967 Parliament and Assembly elections, in Habba-Kadal, Amira-Kadal, Rainawari, Sopore, Baramulla, rendered a foot-l old to the party for future.

In 1972 Shri Taploo jee lost the Habba-Kadal Assembly seat by a margin of few hundred votes, to an independent candidate Shri Gh. Mohd. Bhat who was supported by Pelbiscite Front. There was complete polarization of votes in the constituency and all others (about a dozen) in the fray including Congress lost their deposits.

It was not only the impact of the party to which Shri Taploo belonged, but his

popularity in the electorate because of his dedication and honesty. Although the opponents including the Congress Govt., had deliberately attributed to his party many disruptive adventures of an terrorist outfit 'ALFATA' then active in the valley and had also concocted false tales to make ghost of it for a particular section of people, Shri Taploo jee met people of every community and creed in his election campaign. During electioneering one day in the dead of night at about 11 p. m. he took me along to a locality predominantly of those opposed to his creed but because of his popularity and personal influence upon the inhabitants, there, we faced no opposition even on our face to face communication. The people of that area were surprised over his visit, his courage and his blind faith in man and God.

I recall an event in itself reminiscent of his discipline in the party rank and file by his instinctively obeying the instruction of one who was younger in age and far less experienced in life and works.

Shri Taploo was an ardent champion of liberty and upholder of fundamental rights of the citizens. In 1975 when the hag hands of Internal Emergency had gripped the whole nation at its throat, on the call of 'Lok Sangagh Samiti' formed by various national parties under the leadership of Lok Nayak Jaya Prakash Narayan Jee, he courted arrest at historic Lal Chowk in Srinagar with three other colleagues. While in custody third degree methods were adopted by the police in him and his two fearless companions. All norms of civil liberties and human rights had been eroded by the police in interrogation, of Shri Taploo, his companions Shri Madan Lal Khashu and Shri Shiban Jee Pandita. They were treated as criminals, so much so, for producing before the Magistrate in Srinagar court, they were handcuffed and dragged through the busy markets of Maharaja Bazar, Sarai-Bala, Amira-Kadal, Hazori Bagh etc. On their entry in the court premises all advocates cutting across political affiliations and faiths thronged into the bar and protested against the hand-cuffing of Shri Taploo. Shri Tasadukh Hussain a prominent Jurist, of his own, appeared on behalf of Shri Taploo and foiled the attempt of the police who were trying to seek further remand for inflicting more torture. After remaining in judicial lock up for a few months he was honourably released alongwith his companions.

There will hardly be an issue pertaining to the political, social and economical discrimination against any of people, over which Shri Taploo may not have raised his voice to reach the high echelons of authority and administration.

Allurements of position and power did not ever attract him. Thus he kept on with his simple living and high thinking of adoring 'Ma Bharati' by remaining in constant service of her people.

Uncertainties, failures in life did not ever deter him from the path of relentless fight against the autocratic and authoritative attitude of state. He always kept on augmenting a healthy criticism to the failures and favours provided to a particular section by the government.

Unlike his temperament his dress would be simple and so was his heart. Tears of a woman or an oppressed, irrespective of their caste, would move him. As a lawyer he used to plead the cases not for his pleasure but to please the oppressed, the down trodden, the needy. He was very popular among the classes of society who are economically backward. Material gains had very scant influence on his temperament. People especially students facing any problems having legal implications would without any formal obligation first rush to seek legal counsel from Tika Lal Jee and if they thought advisable to rush to seek council of other lawyer it would not grudge him. This fetched him only laurels and blessings but not material gains. In Aligarh University while graduating in Law and post graduating in Humanities, and at Bar the ideals of simple living and high thinking, dedication in the services of the nation and fearlessness imbibed by him in R. S. S. Shakha remained with him all through his life.

A few days before 13th of September 1989 the day of his martyrdom, he had received some threatenings of assisnation from the sessionists and anti-national elements. He had conveyed the same to the concerned authorities and one of his closest friend. His roaring voice against terrorism and sessionism worried his friends who say that they had many a times requested him to keep silence over the developments taking place in the valley. In reply he repeated by told them - 'Voh Koi Goli Abhi Nahi Bani Hai Jo Tika Lal Ke Chhati Ko Cheer Sakti Hai' (No bullet has yet been made which can pierce into the chest of Tika Lal). On 13th September 1989 the men who silenced him in the street near his house, first greeted him and then fired eight rounds of shots at him, on the following day declared their victory by saying 'Hum nay aik Zordar Avaz Ko hamaisha ke liya bandh kiya' (We have silenced a forceful for ever)-(Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front.)

Thus, an ardent political leader, a selfless social worker and a dynamic man always with profound regards for the order he had himself accepted, was lost for ever. He had nourished a dream of honourable, dignified and rightfull living of the nationalist elements in the valley where fret and fury of sessionism and fundamentalism always persisted. His loss was not felt only by those who were near him but by even his political opponents and men who differed with his view points. Before his mortal remains were consigned to the holy fire, a large number of young and old present there were seen weeping and wailing They had lost their guide, their friend and saviour in adversity.

The luminaries from Bar and Bench, intelligentsia from rank and file and side by side commoners—men, women and children gave a befitting farewell to the valient son of KUM-KUM Bhoomi (land of 'KESAR') .

Political Constitutional Guarantees For Hindu Minorities

By L. K. Moza

The term 'right' may be contrasted with the term 'duty'. A duty is something owed by one person to another. Correspondingly the latter has a right against the former. A right may be, moral right and is protected by morality, or a legal right and is protected by rule of law. Some of the rights which are available against the state, have been enshrined in our constitution in part III, commonly known as fundamental rights. These rights are available to all citizens irrespective of caste, creed, place of birth, colour, religion etc.

The constitution does not define the term 'Minority' though many rights have been provided to them specifically. The U. N. Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities has defined 'Minority' as under :

- i) The term 'Minority' includes only those non-dominant groups in a population which possess and wish to preserve stable, ethnic, religious or linguistic tradition or characteristics markedly different from those of the rest of the population.
- ii) Such 'Minorities' should properly include a number of persons sufficient by the selves to preserve such traditions or characteristics and,
- iii) Such 'Minority' must be loyal to the state of which they are nationals.

Thus it would be seen from the above definition, that it is not an exhaustive description of a 'Minority' but is only inclusive and illustrative i. e. there may be groups or races, though not strictly conforming to the above laid down criteria, yet they will be a 'Minority' in a given set of circumstances.

Art. 27 of International covenant on Civil and Political Rights does not define the expression but gives the following right.

"In those states in which ethnic religious and linguistic 'Minorities' exist, persons belonging to such 'Minorities' shall not be denied the right, in community with the other members of their groups, to enjoy their own culture, to profess and practise their own religion or to use their own language".

Part III of Indian Constitution, inter-alia, provides that state shall not deny any person equality before law, ensure equal protection of laws as also not to suffer any discrimination only on account of caste, creed, religion, place of birth from the state, etc., right of freedom of thoughts, conscience, expression, faith, (religion), of settlement and residence in any territorial part of India, as also 'Minorities' right to run and maintain private educational Institution and right to protect and conserve their minority traits and character. In fact all these rights fulfill the conditions prescribed by U. N. Sub-Commission on prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and Art. 27 of Inter National covenant on Civil and political rights.

Most of the fundamental rights in our constitution can also be known as natural rights, e. g. right to life, freedom of conscience, religious faith etc. Though the apparent implication of the part III of the Indian Constitution is that the rights enumerated therein flow, because of it, but on a more deeper thought, it would be visualised that even if rights enumerated in it would still exist if the constitution were cease to exist, provided our society continues to remain rooted to its civilizational moorings, for they are natural rights and which had more or less always been half-mark of our ancient society. However what had been provided by our constitution for the first time is elaborate and extensive safe-guards made for the 'Minorities' with regard to culture, educational institutions, right of preaching and propagation of their religion etc.

Thus it would be seen that what marks our constitution in its distinctiveness is the stress laid on the full and complete fulfillment of religious, cultural and ethical aspirations of all different sections of society even at times at the cost of national commonality and achievement of uniform social and political norms.

In addition to the fundamental rights, there are some other rights which are primordial for true democracy and democratic temper. In this category can be included the right to vote and thus choose and elect the representatives to govern the state finally. In other words, we have a tool (i. e. right of electing our Govt) in our hands which ensures for us, self Government ultimately. Without this right, it will be fairly accurate to say that our constitution will be a constitution of vegetative democracy, All the fundamental rights and other provisions of constitution would be totally felt as spurious, fake and facile in the absence of right to vote. However this right of vote itself is critically dependent upon the

availability of a free, fair and a genuine choice of candidates. If such a choice is not available then the right of vote becomes a devalued and discredited right.

All these rights above indicated are to be protected and availability thereof ensured by state. State is 'duty' bound to ensure that every citizen is able to enjoy these rights as and when he chooses to do so. Thus it can be stated in other words that the state is the "Guarantor" of these rights enshrined in constitution.

Enjoyment of all these rights is critically dependent upon the existence of circumstances which ensure continuity in social order and expectations of continuation of existing order. This ensures, the ability and availability of these rights for enjoyment thereof. In this connection, consideration of the complete and enmass forcible eviction of Kashmiri Hindus from valley would be illustrative. Kashmiri Hindus could have otherwise also migrated, left or abandoned the valley as and when they pleased but however, they have been forced to leave and abandon the valley not as per their own choice or will. It can be stated for a moment that they have suffered direct violation of essentially one fundamental right i. e. right to reside and settle in any part of territory of India but it must be clear to all that by infringement of this single right (Art. 19(1)) all other fundamental rights stand rendered illusory, and meaning less for them, if not violated.

On a first cursory glance at part-III of Indian Const. it will seem that fundamental rights are a political in essence but on a more thoughtful perusal, it will be seen that all these rights can be tinkered with for political purposes and thus given political overtones and consequently politicalised.

For example, the fundamental right of not being discriminated in state employment has been since 1950 politicalised through job reservations policy and in 1990 made into a major political factor of Frankensteinian proportions through Mandalisation by V. P. Singh (Ex. P. M.). By introducing regular novel and more stringent punishments for untouchability etc, the right of Harijans of not being subjected to untouchability and longer because of historical reasons, stands thus politicalised. It is not convassed that because of this politicalisation untouchability should therefore not sought to be punished but amenability of fundamental rights to politicalisation is being illustrated and it is a common knowledge that inspite all the harsh punishments prescribed for practising untouchability, it still exists in our country.

Because of the peculiar circumstances, it can be safely stated that Kashmiri Hindus possessed all the traits of a minority in Kashmir and all the constitutional rights and safeguards available to a minority, they would be entitled to the same.

Two propositions can be stated with certainty, that all the rights as are provided by

the constitution have or are capable of having political overtones and all their rights stand guaranteed by the state i. e. state is guarantor of all the fundamental rights and of right to vote.

There are some instances which go to show, how these rights could be jeopardised and rendered negatory by the actions of state or persons in power, though these actions in themselves were not unlawful but perhaps a moral.

In our state of J&K the foremost example which comes to one's mind is the way Delimitation was effected in "HABBA KADAL" constituency when Delimitation COMMISSION was headed by Mirza Afzal Beig in late seventies. HABBA KADAL constituency in entire Kashmir valley used to be the only constituency where the Kashmiri Hindus used to have a slight 'Majority' over the Muslim. By the re-organisation some Hindu dominated Mohallas were segregated from this constituency and combined with other constituencies where this inclusion of Hindu areas would not make much of demographic impact and were replaced by some Muslim Mohallas of other constituencies. By this perfectly lawful strategem of re-organisations, for entire Kashmiri Hindus, the right of voting acquired a different hue and nuances which were not of their liking, choice or fancy. For Kashmiri Hindus of HABBA-KADAL constituency in particular, the right of voting was never of the same essence or held the same attraction as previously.

Another instance from our state which had ultimately profoundly deleterious and disastrous effect on Kashmir. Hindus, pertains to Sheikh Abdullah, when he called Kashmiri Hindus fifth columnists and agents of New Delhi, in his Book "Atish-E-Chinar." Though this act of Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah, when seen and considered in isolation, can be dismissed as a merely harmless swipe taken at Kashmiri Hindus, yet subsequent events have shown how horrendous were the effects of this oblique grouse against the Kashmiri Hindus by late Sheikh Abdullah. Though it may be stated that he did not mean this in the literal sense, but coming from the eminent personage of his stature it carried a seal of authenticity and credibility for a common man in Kashmir valley. Surely one of the causes for forcing Kashmiri Hindus to flee from the valley has been the presence of this impressions in the minds of the Kashmiri Muslims and hence their willing acquiescence in their forced banishment from valley. It is a different matter that subsequently when it was realised by common Muslims that Delhi agents were much more numerous in their own community and there was perhaps none amongst Kashmiri Hindus, it was too late for them to be able to do anything in this behalf at that stage. When late editor of local Urdu daily 'AL-SAFA' K. M. Shaban, pointed out this in his newspaper, he was murdered by militants under orders of ISI from Pakistan, as such a soul searching and free analysis by Kashmiri Muslims was

not suiting ISI. This is inspite of the fact that 'Al Safa' was a foremost newspaper espousing the cause of Kashmiriyat and its anti Indian stance. Thus minor remark by Sheikh Abdullah in his book has ultimately resulted in a great tragedy for Kashmiri Hindus and total negation of all their rights, consitutional and otherwise.

The epochal forced eviction and banishment of Kashmiri Hindus from the valley has thus meant signal failure of the state in standing upto its obligations and guarantees that it was obliged to ensure for them. Not only this, past actions of the political heavy weight has also not been less pivotal in facilitating this human tragedy and total negation of their rights of which the state was the guarantor in terms of the Constitution.

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By : Shadilal Tikoo

Now we are in the 30th month of exile reduced to the status of refugees in our homeland. We were none too in good health when in the once happy Valley-facing all discrimination and pocketing every insult and bearing every injustice at the hands of the indifferent and unsympathetic administration. Decades before our lands were transferred and snatched from us "Hatti Kanal Peth" gradually our temple lands were encroached upon while all successive State Governments did not pay any attention to the plight and misery of the Kashmiri Hindus. Even our cremation grounds were usurped and grabbed and we did not venture to open our lips. Then a fine scheme was introduced known as 70 : 30 in recruitment to the state services and this process continued not only at recruitment level, but at the promotion level too. It further gave shape to a separate merit percentage community wise. Supposing a student of a particular community obtained 40% marks was considered for admission in the professional Colleges and the marks percentage of a Hindu student was put somewhere in the range of 70% or 80% for the same course. We continued to live in the Valley still. Then altogether a seachange was brought by the State Legislature, depriving the Kashmiri Hindus of all his cultivable lands under the garb of J & K Agrarian Reforms Act. The Kashmiri Hindu was all along at the receiving end and losing the earth under his feet. By and by aftermath of matches say hockey or cricket between India and Pakistan further made things for Kashmiri Hindus complicated. Should India win, the Hindu houses and temples were subjected to heavy stonning and the dis-respect for the simple reason that the Umpires had erred and given wrong and debatable decisions and should Pakistan win the match (as happened almost always) the Hindu houses had to suffer the wrath of the urchins under the garb that minor boys were celebrating and Hindus should not mind for a few stones or crackers or abuses hurled at them. A fear psychosis began to develop in the minds of the helpless, Indian creature, who was now reduced to the status of a 2nd Class citizen and left to

the mercy of God. The situation deteriorated to such an extent that life began to become miserable for this unfortunate neglected community. The State and the Central Governments became a mute spectator to the untold sufferings of this community. The things went to such an extent and crossed all territorial limits that after selective killings of the members of this community even the State Govt. paid no heed and never thought seriously what was in store for Kashmiri Hindus. It is interesting to note that Shri Jagmohan the then Governor of this State had to awaken the Centre from the deep slumber by using adjectives like..... Farooq Government has collapsed... there is no Government at all...the Farooq Government is dead and...it needs only Constitutional last Rites...Centre should immediately act today, tomorrow could be too late...and this is what happened-tomorrow became too late and the entire minority community bade goodbye to their homes and hearths and migrated to Jammu and other safer places in raw haste and tragic circumstances. We are however, thankful and indebted to our Jammuite brothers and sisters that they accepted us, helped us and shared our grief and we shall not forget the kindness and affection shown by them in the hour of our troubles and turbulence. But our miseries did not end here. Having lost about a 1000 of our community members for no fault and about 4,000 houses were mercilessly torched in the Valley and thousands of our houses have been looted and damaged and the Government of the day seemingly helpless and watching the devastation of the entire minority community in once secular Kashmir. The indifferent attitude of the administration in Jammu shall always remain alive in our minds. The daily verifications conducted by the Zonal Officers of those drawing cash relief, newest orders issued from day to day to satisfy the whims and caprices of the officers even photographs of Hindu ladies were sought to be brought out in leading dailies of Jammu on their front page who were alleged to be drawing relief perhaps by under-hand means. Thus putting to disrapute the entire Hindu community. In contrast the authorities did not dare to ask the Muslim migrants to affix photographs of the head of the family on the ration cards, let alone asking the Muslim ladies to do the needful-that would straightway create chaos in the Country. Every month Xerox copies of the ration cards are to be submitted to the authorities simply to trouble them both physically and monetarily. Numerous ration cards were cancelled summarily and despite repeated requests and appeals to those in authority the Relief Department did not have a reshuffle. Tragic-old ladies swoon these days of rising mercury, but the Relief Commissioner continues to issue this and that order, whereas the other community enjoys all exemptions-that no photographs, no cancellations of the ration cards and no Press Releases about them. According to the JK Sahay ta Simiti sources about 4000 houses were burnt, a hundred or more cases have been settled as of now. The process of obtaining the sanctioned ex-gratia amount is so cumbersome that if one or the other minor formality is not completed the cases get stuck. Again a meticulously devised scheme was introduced-Kashmiri D. P. employees who were due for promotions in different Departments have been deliberately

posted in the Valley, so that he would be promotees do not report for duty and lose promotional chances. Lastly, the so-called political process has been started by Shri Ghulam Rasool Kar and Dr. Farooq Abdullah with the sole aim of capturing power by hook or by crook. A division is sought to be made among the rank and file of the Hindu community and some underhand incentives are given to some (dear and faithful friends) so that they take initiative in going back to Kashmir, whatever the consequences and make world believe that all was well there. It is none of our business and none of our intention either to stop anybody from going back to Kashmir after all who does not want to be back to "MOJ KASHEER" and live an honoured life there and leave this life of exile, but our humble submission to all concerned shall be that we must think twice and take all pros and cons into consideration before taking the decision. According to the Electronic Media owned by state and according to newspaper reports and also according to independent agencies the situation does not warrant the return of Kashmiri Hindus to the Valley for the present. The Kashmiri Hindu even now in the valley is known as "HOKHA SUYN" (dry vegetables), which can be consumed at any time the need arises and any fresh Kashmiri Hindu who ventures to be back home is codenamed as Hangul, meaning an extinct specie and whose meat is sweet. This is plain and simple truth and we wish you too to get the meaning of all this. According to the prophecy of Sheikh Abdullah for the Kashmiri Hindu there were only three alternatives "CHALUN" (mass exodus) "GALUN" (getting killed) or "RALUN" (the conversion). We are in the state of first phase that is "CHALUN" and naturally according to the prophecy the other two options are waiting for us in the Valley at present. In nutshell, the decision whatever, should be well thought, matured and thoroughly deliberated so that our honour and life is not threatened once again. I repeat we would very much like to be in the loving lap of Moj Kasheer but situation must change to an extent that shall guarantee the security of our life, property and places of worship and more so, our credentials of being true Indians should not be diluted at all. Is the State interested and capable of accepting our request? At the moment, it seems doubtful. It reminds us of an old saying, "We ought to love our country but our country ought to be lovely".

Terrorism in Kashmir and Human rights violations

By Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta

After having failed to grab Jammu Kashmir through armed aggressions in 1947, 1965 and 1971, Pakistan entered in Shimla Agreement in 1972. The agreement was against the interests of Indian people and the country as a whole. However, it was accepted because it provided for settlement of the Indo-Pak problems bilaterally and peacefully. But throwing to the winds all the norms of fair play and international commitments, Pakistan has launched a proxy war in Kashmir since 1989 by engineering, financing and abetting terrorism. For this purpose training camps have been opened in occupied Kashmir and also on its own soil. Highly sophisticated arms and other subversive material is being supplied to large number of trained youths in clear violation to the Shimla agreement.

This terrorism has proved to be most dangerous tool applied by Pakistan in this proxy war. The war of this Islamic fundamentalism is causing far more greater harm to the people of the state and to the country as a whole than the harms were inflicted in the three aggressions of Pakistan.

In the 1971 Indo-Pak war has left about a lakh of persons from border areas as displaced. In this war just 37 civilians were killed and at the Army level too, the death toll was not very high.

But in the present proxy war the fundamentalists and armed hoards of terrorists have hounded out about three lakhs of nationalist people. They include over two hundred thousand of Kashmir Hindus known as Pandits, who have been living there for over five thousands years. In fact they are the original representatives of the Kashmir history and culture.

How they have been forced out of the Kashmir valley to live as refugees in the camps in their own country, is a painful story. To create a reign of terror the militants indulge in

selective killings of their prominent leaders. Threats were issued through print media & announcements from loud-speakers fitted in mosques and other places to leave valley. Large number of their young girls and women folk were abducted and killed after committing rapes. Such killings and rape cases runs into hundreds. What havoc the armed militancy backed by Pakistan, has brought in the otherwise peaceful valley of Kashmir, can be judge from the figures compiled by various agencies.

Since the outbreak of armed militancy and subversion in 1989, the terrorists have killed as many as 1706 persons by end of June, 1992. These include 372 men of the security forces. In addition to this the security forces killed in various encounters, mostly in border areas during their infiltration and exfiltration, as many as 1037 persons. In the cross firing between the security forces and Pak-trained militants 822 civilians were killed.

The kidnappings and abductions has come to a big business for the militant outfits. As per official record the Pak-trained youth kidnapped 559 persons and 132 were killed whereas others were released after blackmail of the government as also the relations of the abducted persons. Even some foreigners including the French and Swedish Engineers working on different projects were made their targets of kidnappings and were released after securing huge sums. Large number of abduction cases have remained unreported.

The women and young girls were abducted and some of them were raped and killed. Some others were released after securing the release of several detained hardcore militants involved in killings and other heinous crimes. Pakistan got sophisticated arms and ammunition from certain countries for pushing out Soviet Union from Afghanistan by helping the Afghan Mujahideens. Large number of these weapons have been diverted for Kashmir militants. The extent of the arms and ammunition supplied by Pakistan for subversion in Kashmir can be well judged from the fact that in the valley there is no factory for manufacturing of arms and ammunition. Yet during the past about three years, since 1989 ending June, 1992, the security forces in various search operations and encounters with militants, have so far recovered as many as 5629 assault rifles of different markings like the AK 47, AK 56 and several telescopic guns. Various types of machine guns including UMG/LMG/RPF etc. number 508. Rocket launchers numbering 194 have been seized. In addition to this tonnes of ammunition and explosives have been recovered.

According to rough estimates the recovered arms and ammunition is hardly 25 percent which have been smuggled in the valley of Kashmir which was at one time known a peaceful place for tourists and others.

The terrorist outfits with their Islamic outlook have made the houses and properties of the migrants as their particular target. Over four thousand houses and shops of the migrants have been put to loot and arson so as to permanently close the doors for their return.

In addition to this as many as 254 government school and other educational buildings have been gutted just with an outlook that the children of Muslims would get education in the institutions being run and controlled by Jamate Islami and other Muslim fundamentalists.

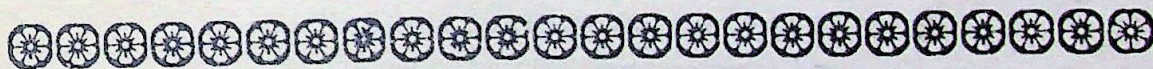
While Pak-aided terrorists and subversives are indulging in gory type of terrorism it is most astonishing factor of the situation that certain self-styled intellectuals and Human Rights bodies are raising accusing fingers against India and its security forces which are engaged in dealing with the most complex and difficult situation. Threat to the human rights is actually from the terrorists and not from the government. What can be a greater violation of human rights than the gruesome murder of the prominent persons like the veteran nonagenarian Kashmiri leader Maulana Masoodi, Mirwaiz Moulvi Farooq, Kashmir University Vice-Chancellor Mushir-Ul-Haq, General Manager of the Srinagar HMT Factory Mr. Khera, the Director of Srinagar T. V. station Mr. Lassa Koul, the state BJP Vice-President Mr. T. L. Taploo, a prominent author and advocate Mr. P.N. Bhat, a retired Session Judge Mr. N.K. Ganjoo and a renowned poet Mr. P.N. Pardesi besides hundreds of other innocent men, women, and children brutally killed by the terrorists in the valley.

The rape of women, desecration of hundreds of temples in Kashmir, burning of houses and the extortion of money from the people at gun point is another outrageous dimension of violation of human rights at the hands of terrorists in Kashmir. The abduction of a young lady doctor Rubaiya Mufti and a pregnant lady officer Nahida Mukhtiyar is another abominable aspect of the gory terrorist activities.

It is highly intriguing situation for nationalists and patriotic elements in the country more so, in Jammu and Kashmir that while Pakistan and other elements hostile to India, are devoting much of their time is spreading canards against the security forces and thus, extending logistic support to terrorists and secessionists, the concerned authorities in India and abroad are failing to counter this highly vitriolic disinformation campaign. In other words through this highly misleading propaganda campaign the killers abductors and terrorists are being made the heroes whereas the actual victim is being put in the dock.

We in the opposition would not have had come to abroad for narrating the truth, if the government in New Delhi had performed its duties in this regard.

If one or two terrorist killings or kidnappings could lead to wars and declaring the concerned countries as TERRORIST one, it is strange that India has so far failed to make this demand at the international fore. We from the victim state appeal to the conscious of the world to take note of the inhuman acts being perpetrated by Pak-aided and abetted militants and contribute their mite to stop these barbarities and get declared Pakistan as terrorists country. For those who accuse Indian security forces of being harsh and brutal, we would like to tell them that it is the duty of the government of the state as also that of New Delhi to defend Jammu Kashmir as an integral part of India. To defend its citizens against terrorists and subversives is the prime duty of any government. It is Pakistan and her agents who have created a painful situation for the deployment of the security forces to deal with the armed militants who are deliberately choosing places of attacking the security forces from crowded areas and localities.



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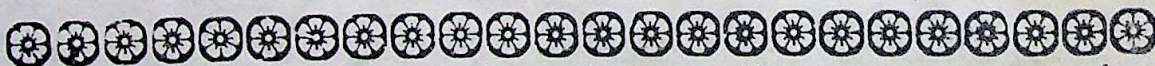




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